

POLICE CHIEF

(Competitive Class)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Plan, direct, and supervise the operations of the police department in the capacity of chief and commanding officer; and related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

Work of this class involves a higher degree of ability and responsibility in managing the law enforcement, crime prevention, traffic control, keeping of jail, administrative, and other activities of the police department. The chief is required to be on duty or subject to call at all times, and is accountable to the city government.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

(Illustrative only.)

Organize work of the department into divisions, bureaus, or other units, as may be helpful to efficient management and operations; and divide the personnel into forces or platoons for the effective performance of departmental activities, or as may be required by laws;

Direct and supervise generally or specially, as the needs of the service may require, all activities of the department;

Instruct subordinate officers as to methods, procedures, and policies;

Assign tasks to subordinates and review operations;

Investigate complaints;

Direct raids and make arrests, as necessary;

Check all arrests and dispositions thereof;

Personally supervise and assist in the investigation of all major crimes or serious offenses committed in the city;

Make frequent inspections of the jail, care of prisoners, movable and immovable property, and personal appearance of all personnel on beats and at headquarters;

Provide and maintain procedures for the preparation, maintenance and disposition of departmental records and reports of

activities;

Receive reports and check work of subordinates for compliance with law and established procedures, personal knowledge of activities, and efficiency in performance;

Establish contacts and arrange for receiving and giving reports, records, and assistance to other law enforcement agencies such as the F.B.I. and state police, etc.

Cooperate with social welfare agencies, civic clubs, and organizations, and the general public in preventing juvenile delinquency, crime, and bettering the common good, and protection of society;

Assist in the preparation of departmental budget and operate within it, if possible;

Dispense information to the public regarding city ordinances, departmental policies, objectives, and activities;

Keep records, answer correspondence, and prepare reports;

Promote peace and harmony among the employees of the department;

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO ELIGIBILITY TEST AND FOR BEGINNING WORK IN CLASS

Must have high school diploma or GED equivalent or possess the equivalent combination of experience and training sufficient, in the opinion of the board, to indicate ability to satisfactorily perform the work;

Must successfully pass medical examination assuring good health and physical ability sufficient, in the opinion of the board, to indicate satisfactory performance of work, before appointment from employment list.

Must have ten (10) years law enforcement experience;

Must have completed at least basic and advanced courses in police training of L.S.U. or graduate certificate of any recognized police institution.

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